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The President announced the following Standing Committees:—

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| THOMAS T. BOUVÉ, | DR. C. E. WARE. |
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Four hundred and forty-first meeting.

August 12, 1857.—STATED MEETING.

The PRESIDENT in the chair.

The Corresponding Secretary read the following letters, viz.: — From Jacob Grimm, Berlin, July 2, accepting his appointment as Foreign Honorary Member; from Dr. Charles G. Putnam and J. D. Runkle, accepting Fellowship; from the Linnæan Society, London, November 25, 1856, Royal Geographical Society, London, November 29, 1856, Académie Royale des Sciences à Amsterdam, January 5, 1857, Die Königl. Sächsische Bergakademie, Freiberg, January 19, 1857, Kaiserlich-Königliche Geologische Reichsanstalt, Wien, January 21, 1857, Corporation of Harvard College, March 10,

1857, Royal Society of Sciences, Göttingen, April 18, 1857, K. L. C. Akademie der Naturforscher, Breslau, May 4, 1857, Société Imperiale des Naturalistes de Moscou, Moscow, March 22, 1857, and the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, June 19, 1857, acknowledging the receipt of the Academy's publications; from the Société de Geographie à Paris, February 7, 1857, and the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, June 19, 1857, acknowledging the same, and requesting that missing parts may be supplied; from the Kaiserlich-Königliche Geologische Reichsanstalt, Wien, January 1, 1857, and the Société Royale des Sciences à Upsal, presenting their publications; from the Superintendent of the Geological Survey of India, &c., January, 1857, presenting the Memoirs of the Survey, and requesting an exchange; from the Verein für Naturkunde im Herzogthum, Nassau, May 1, 1857, presenting its transactions, and asking an exchange; and the Comet Circular of July 28, 1857, from Dr. C. H. F. Peters, at Albany, N. Y.

Dr. Charles T. Jackson made some statements concerning the various kinds of marble now being used in the government buildings at Washington, and incidentally spoke of the chemical action in different kinds of lime and cement.

Dr. Weinland spoke of the lime in use in Hayti, as entirely made from the shells of *Strombus gigas*.

Professor Felton announced to the Academy the organization of an Academy of Arts and Sciences at Athens.

The requisite quorum for the transaction of the proper business of a stated meeting not being present, on motion of Professor Treadwell, it was voted that the next regular meeting be an adjournment of the present one.

Four hundred and forty-second meeting.

September 8, 1857.—ADJOURNED STATED MEETING.

Professor Treadwell, Vice-President, in the chair.

Professor Guyot addressed the Academy at considerable